



EVERY effort is being made by Commander Joseph A. Dempf, commanding the Naval Militia of the District of Columbia, to increase the enlisted strength of the organization. In the near future several campaigns to encourage enlistment are to be started. It is declared, and these probably will close by April 1, as it is expected that the Navy Department will issue instructions that no member of the naval militia will be permitted to make cruises on battleships who has not had at least three months' preliminary instruction in the organization ashore.

While the number of men who have been enlisting in the organization is increasing, Commander Dempf is not yet satisfied with its strength. He wants the 400 men allowed by law, and he declared that he was going to do everything in his power to reach the number by April 1.

That interest in the naval work is evidenced by the increase in the number of men enlisting. So fast are the men now coming in that the medical department of the organization, headed by Lieut. F. H. Morhart, surgeon, and assisted by Dr. A. P. Tibbets and Dr. S. O'Connor, are kept busy every Thursday night during the two-hour drill period making physical examinations of all of the recruits.

In view of the stand taken by the Naval Militia Association of the United States in the course of its annual convention here during the past week that the Navy Department should outline the annual cruises of naval militia organizations before thirty more days had passed, it is probable that an announcement soon will be forthcoming of the place to which the local naval militia will cruise next summer. At the same time probably the dates will be fixed.

In his annual report of the cruise aboard the Rhode Island in 1914, Commander Dempf made the formal request that the naval militia of the District of Columbia be permitted to cruise aboard one of the ships to Havana, Cuba, this year. The appetite of the local militiamen for cruises to foreign ports was whetted somewhat by the experiences of the local militia when they went to Bermuda last year.

Commander Dempf also is anxious that the dates for the cruises be fixed as soon as possible, because all of the members of his organization are on leave weeks ahead. If there is delay in making the announcement of the dates, as there was last year, it will have a bad effect on the strength taken aboard battleships for practice work, for the reason that many men cannot get away on short notice.

The basketball team of the District naval militia has been very successful during this, its first season, having won many of the games in which it has played. The interest of the men in the sports has also served to attract young men to the organization, where every Thursday following the regular drill period the drill hall is turned over to the men for athletic purposes.

The annual inspection of the local naval militia by the inspector-instructor of the United States Navy assigned to that organization is to take place April 1, at the same time of the annual inspection by Maj. Harry Coope, inspector general, N. G. D. C.

There is much excitement being displayed by the officers and men in preparing for this event. The officers are busy preparing their muster rolls while the men are cleaning up their equipment and cleaning and marking their clothing.

Officers and men of the local naval militia who made the voyage aboard the U. S. S. Sylvia, training ship assigned to the organization, to the Norfolk navy yard, where the last voyage ever made on the Sylvia by the local naval militiamen.

On the first leg of the voyage the vessel was anchored at Cornfield Harbor, and early last Sunday morning started the trip down the bay, reaching the Norfolk navy yard at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The voyage was successful in every way.

During the trip the officers and men stood regular watches just the same as if they had been aboard a cruising ship of the navy. There were also many routine drills, such as fire drill, gun drills, signal drills, etc.

MILLIONS IN LAND CASE.
Department of Justice Seeks to Ad-
vance Oregon Grant Hearing.

The Department of Justice yesterday filed in the Supreme Court of the United States application for early hearing in the pending Oregon land grant cases.

The land in question, consisting of about 2,200,000 acres in western Oregon, said to be valued at \$70,000,000, is claimed by the Oregon and California Railroad Company under grant from Congress and those holding under it. The government is seeking to establish that the conditions of the grant have not been met.

Students Leave Capital.
Visiting students from the State Normal School at Chester, Pa., who for the last few days have been sight-seeing in Washington, left for their homes last evening on a special train.

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THERE is much regret expressed among officers of the National Guard of the District of Columbia over the fact that Lieut. Col. Almon L. Parmerter, United States Army, for the past three years attached to the District of Columbia militia as adjutant general, has been recalled from his duties here to serve with the 19th Regiment of Infantry, now on duty at Galveston, Tex. The change, according to orders of the War Department, is to take effect April 1, next.

Col. Parmerter's successor has not yet been named, and it is probable that Brig. Gen. George H. Harries, commanding the District of Columbia militia, will be called into conference at the War Department before any one is selected for the place of adjutant general.

The so-called Manchu law is responsible for the relief of Col. Parmerter. This law requires that officers of the army must serve at least two years out of every six with troops in the field. Col. Parmerter, April 1, will have completed exactly three years' service as adjutant general of the local National Guard. Previous to his assignment here he had been on detached duty, making up the four years which the law allows on such service.

Col. Parmerter expressed regret that he had to leave Washington, but he declared the orders were not surprise to him. He said that he knew he would soon have to go back to troops under the terms of the so-called Manchu law.

Brig. Gen. George H. Harries, commanding the District of Columbia militia, has been informed of the orders received by Col. Parmerter, and the former probably will be in Washington within the next few days to confer with the War Department regarding the assignment of the adjutant general's successor.

Col. Parmerter has been called away from the local organization right in an important period in its history. He has been engaged for some time on plans for improving the efficiency of the organization, and has been making a check on the individual officers and commands.

Col. Parmerter also, very recently started an enlistment campaign and is making every effort to increase the numerical strength of the guard with patriotic men. He also developed the reserve corps during the past year, and has been endeavoring to build it up to an organization which would have to be reckoned with in time of war.

In his efforts to increase the guard's strength, Col. Parmerter has had in mind several matters for furnishing entertainment for the guardsmen with a view to increasing the interest and the enlistments, as well as keeping up the attention and interest of the men after they enlist. During the past year there has been a marked improvement in the attendance, and at the last encampment the organization took away the largest number of men in its history.

Officers of the local National Guard composing the new Quartermaster Corps were in conference during the week with Col. Parmerter, outlining the plans of this newly organized branch of the guard. The duties of the various officers composing the corps were defined, and it was agreed among all that the new corps will result in increased efficiency for the quartermaster, pay and subsistence departments of the guard.

The field hospitals and sanitary detachments of the local guard were given their annual inspection during the week by Maj. Hess, Medical Corps, U. S. A., inspector-instructor assigned to these organizations, and Maj. Harry Coope, inspector general, N. G. D. C.

A big improvement was shown in the shooting of all companies in the inter-company shooting matches of the 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry, last week. Company K's team put up the high score to date—73.

Company K defeated Company I, score 672 to 640; Company M winning from Company L by a score of 613 to 497. The high individual scores were made by M. B. Atkinson of Company K and Howard Yeatman of Company I.

The following are the scores:

COMPANY K.				
	Pr.	St.	R.F. Total.	
M. B. Atkinson	50	45	50	145
J. A. Furber	50	45	50	145
J. H. Fritz	49	40	50	139
Charles Smith	48	34	40	122
R. Fahey	44	31	44	119
239 166 225 672				

COMPANY I.

	Pr.	St.	R.F. Total.	
Howard Yeatman	49	44	50	143
Leah Berry	43	36	40	119
W. C. Neal	41	34	40	115
R. J. Marks	41	37	40	118
H. J. Hays	40	28	40	108
222 188 229 640				

COMPANY M.

	Pr.	St.	R.F. Total.	
L. Leg. Johnston	47	40	40	127
R. Muschitz	46	37	47	130
D. N. Holmes	46	38	44	128
W. L. Martin	43	34	38	115
M. F. Schwal	38	25	42	105
220 176 217 613				

COMPANY L.

	Pr.	St.	R.F. Total.	
A. Fox	30	29	45	104
P. D. Johnston	29	32	42	103
R. Andiger	28	32	40	100
J. H. McKnight	20	24	31	75
E. Deobee	21	20	37	78
149 158 190 497				

STANDING OF TEAMS.

	Pr.	St.	Wm. Lost.
Company K	2	0	0
Company M	1	1	1
Company I	0	2	2

GOVERNMENT BRIEF FILED.

Patent Case Decision Before the U. S. Supreme Court.

Assistant Attorney General Warren filed in the United States Supreme Court yesterday a brief for the government in the case of United States ex rel. Edward L. Chott against Thomas Ewing, commissioner of patents.

This case involves the power of the commissioner of patents to withhold the issue of a patent even after the board of examiners in chief in his office shall have rendered a favorable decision in support of the patent. The point at issue is regarded as one of considerable importance in the administration of the patent office.

The case was brought in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia by Chott, and that court issued a mandamus ordering the commissioner to grant the patent. The Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia reversed this decision and sustained the government's contention that the commissioner of patents was the head of the patent office, and as such has full authority to decide in the interests of the public welfare whether or not a patent should issue.

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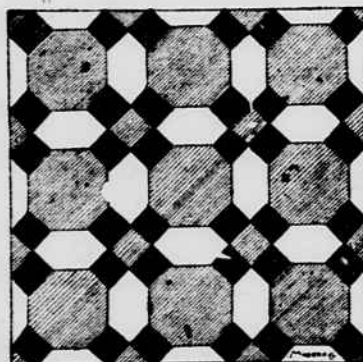
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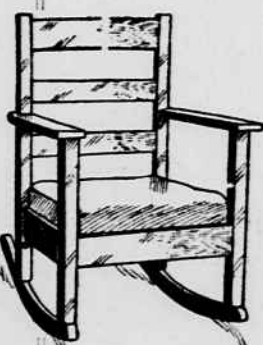


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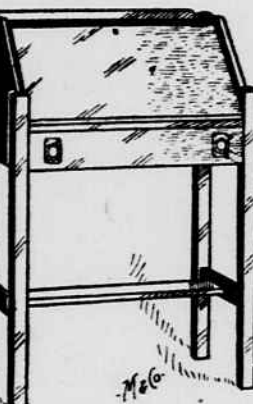
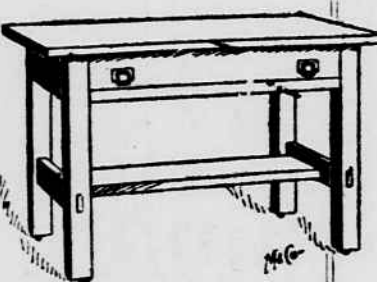
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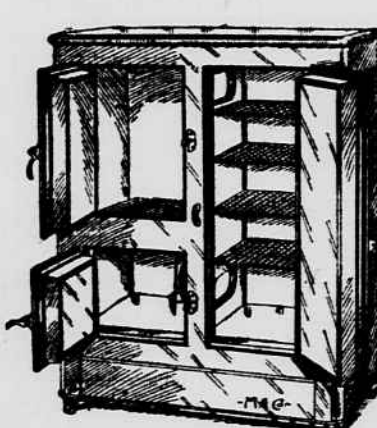
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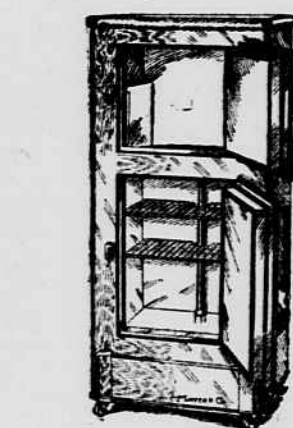
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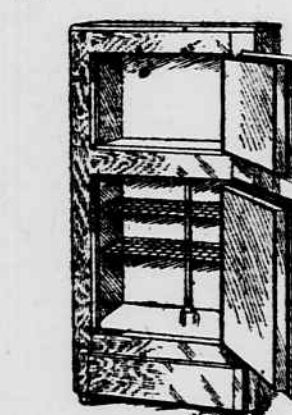
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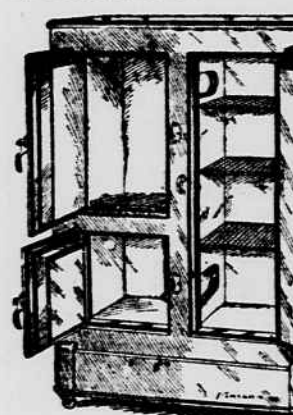
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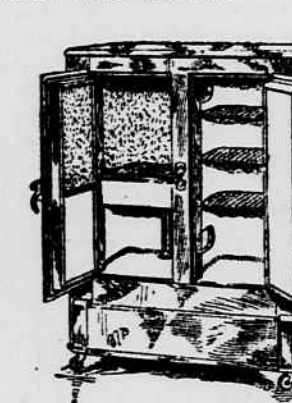
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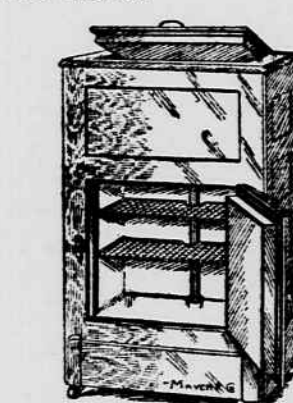
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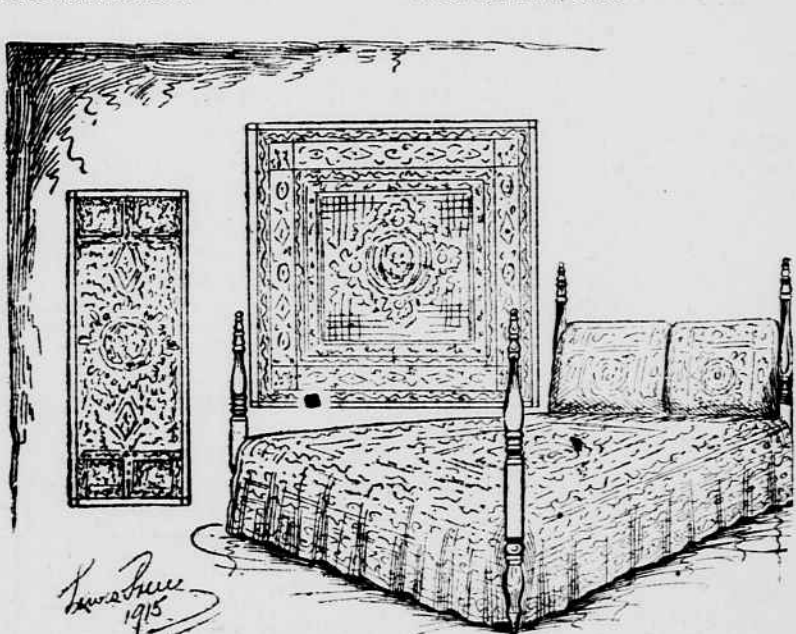
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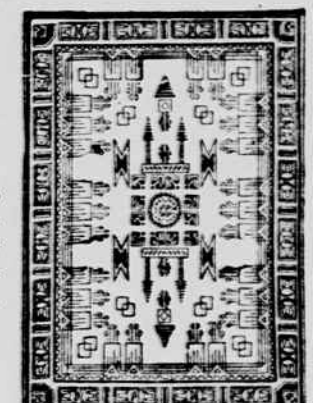
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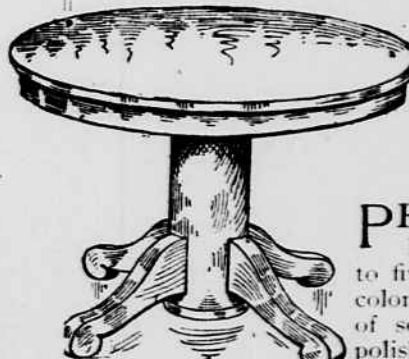
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